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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, attached are the claims of this application presented in ascending numerical order.